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1. FOLLOWING IS MORE DETAILED REPORT OF FEBRUARY 3 MEETING
OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELD AND GUINEA-BISSAU
AMBASSADOR GIL FERNANDES. AS NOTED REFTEL, SCHAUFELD SAID
THAT US IS PREPARING TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN BISSAU.
SCHAUFELD SAID IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT A US AMBASSADOR
RESIDENT IN BISSAU ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO CAPE VERDE, WHERE
WE DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE A RESIDENT MISSION. SCHAUFELD
NOTED THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY IN DAKAR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
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AN EMBASSY IN BISSAU.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SCHAUFELD'S QUERY ABOUT STATUS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CAPE VERDE AND GUINEA-BISSAU, FERNANDES SAID THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT DECIDED WHAT FORM LINKAGE WILL TAKE, MENTIONING AS POSSIBILITIES FEDERATION, CONFEDERATION, AND UNIFICATION. HE ADDED THAT ANY LINKAGE WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEEDS AND WISHES OF PEOPLES OF BOTH NATIONS.

3. IN DISCUSSION ABOUT GUINEA-BISSAU'S PLANS FOR ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT, SCHAUFELD TOLD FERNANDES HE UNDERSTOOD AN AID TEAM WAS PLANNING TO VISIT BISSAU IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS WITH GUINEA-BISSAU OFFICIALS POSSIBLE US ASSISTANCE.

4. FERNANDES ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY US WOULD MAKE CONTACT WITH MPLA. SCHAUFELD REPLIED THAT PRESENCE OF SOVIETS AND 11,000 CUBANS IN ANGOLA, AS WELL AS US SUPPORT FOR OTHER MOVEMENTS, PRECLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH MPLA. FERNANDES OPINED THAT US BACKING QUOTE WRONG HORSE UNQUOTE IN ANGOLA AND THAT THE LONGER US FAILED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH MPLA THE MORE DIFFICULT US-MPLA RELATIONS WOULD BE IN FUTURE. SCHAUFELD EMPHASIZED THAT US CANNOT IGNORE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION, ADDING THAT HIS LONG AFRICAN EXPERIENCE HAD TAUGHT HIM AFRICANS MEETING TOGETHER CAN SOLVE ANY PROBLEM, BUT THAT THE MASSIVE FOREIGN INTERVENTION WOULD HAVE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES FOR ANGOLA'S FUTURE.

5. FERNANDES SAID HE WOULD BE MAKING BRIEF VISIT TO BISSAU FOLLOWING WEEK AND WOULD CONVEY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELD'S COMMENTS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. SCHAUFELD INVITED FERNANDES TO CALL ON HIM SOON AFTER HIS RETURN FROM BISSAU.

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